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TAGS: PINS, SHUM, AS, PK, XF

SUBJECT: MORE APPEALS FOR CLEMENCY IN BHUTTO CASE

1. LEADERS OF SYRIA, EGYPT, SUDAN, BAHRAIN, AND KUWAIT HAVE ADDED THEIR VOICES TO OTHERS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED URGING CLEMENCY FOR FORMER PRIME MINISTER Z.A. BHUTTO, SENTENCED WITH FOUR OTHERS TO DEATH ON A MURDER CHARGE BY THE LAHORE HIGH COURT ON 18 MARCH. AS WITH MOST OTHER APPEALS, REQUEST IS FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE, ALTHOUGH SUDANESE APPEAL GOES ONE STEP FURTHER IN REQUESTING PARDON.

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- 2. AUSTRALIAN AMB TOLD POLCOUNS 23 MARCH THAT HE IS RECOMMENDING AND EXPECTS CANBERRA TO ENDORSE AN APPEAL FOR CLEMENCY BY HIS GOVERNMENT.
- 3. PAKISTAND DAY HOLIDAY ON 23RD AND NORMAL FRIDAY-SATURDAY WEEKEND LULL HAS LIMITED REPORTING ON NEWS AROUND THE COUNTRY, BUT PRESS ON 23RD DID REPORT

THAT THE FOUR OTHERS CONVICTED WITH BHUTTO HAVE FILED APPEALS OF THE VERDICT WITH THE SUPREME COURT; WE HAVE NO WORD YET OF AN APPEAL BY BHUTTO, BUT ONE IS WIDELY EXPECTED BEFORE THE SEVEN-DAY GRACE PERIOD EXPIRES. HUMMEL

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